

of the Business and Professional Women's Division of UJA of Northern New Jersey, and was instrumental in increasing its membership. Norma Koster also has devoted herself to committees for the Jewish Home and Rehabilitation Center, Jewish Family Services, and given programs for the National Council of Jewish Women. In addition to her professional work as a successful fine jewelry designer and goldsmith, Norma is above all devoted to her children and grandchildren, her husband, and her entire family.

Like Norma, his wife of seventeen years, Bernie Koster is well-known for his leadership and unwavering commitment to the people of New Jersey, the Jewish community, and the State of Israel. He is a leading philanthropist and is active on behalf of many charitable causes and organizations. He is also a Member of the Board of Trustees of twelve separate organizations, including the UJA Federation of North Jersey, the Jewish Home at Rockleigh, Temple Emanu-El of Closter, Jewish Family Service, Gilda's Club of Northern New Jersey, the JCC of the Palisades, Englewood Hospital and Medical Center Foundation, the Bergen PAC, Israel Bonds, the Jewish Community Relations Council, the Jewish Theological Seminary, and the Anti-Defamation League itself.

Bernie Koster is also a past President of the Solomon Schechter Day School of Nassau County, New York, and co-chaired the capital campaign for his synagogue, Temple Emanu-El of Closter, where he was honored with the prestigious Shem Tov Award in 1995 for his dedicated service to the community.

Bernie Koster is also unwavering in his dedication to the State of Israel. A strong supporter of Israel Bonds, he has been appointed to the New Jersey-Israel Commission for nine years. He has visited Israel seven times, and has demonstrated through his committed and passionate work on behalf of Israel Bonds his belief that the State of Israel is the lifeblood for the survival of the Jewish people.

A highly successful attorney and real estate consultant, Bernie shares his wife Norma's dedication to faith and family. He is devoted to his children and grandchildren, and both Bernie and Norma are true exemplars of family values.

Mr. Speaker, my distinguished colleagues, I ask that you join me in recognizing Norma and Bernie Koster for their civic activism and leadership in the fight against discrimination, hatred, and anti-Semitism.

THE AMERASIAN NATURALIZATION ACT

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2005

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, our immigration law has long recognized that children born outside our country to an American father and a foreign national mother are U.S. citizens as long as their fathers take necessary steps to achieve their child's citizenship.

Unfortunately, there remains a group of forgotten sons and daughters who, despite being born to American fathers, cannot take advantage of this existing provision of the law to be-

come U.S. citizens. These are the offspring of American servicemen and Asian women during the Vietnam and Korean Wars whose fathers did not take the steps of acknowledging paternity necessary to make their offspring citizens. However, the American government did that for them by acknowledging that their fathers were American citizens.

Many of these individuals have lived through devastation during war, have been mistreated by their governments because of their mixed race, and many now live in the United States, but only as legal permanent residents.

There is no doubt that Amerasians are the sons and daughters of American fathers. Our American government already made that determination when we admitted them to the United States as legal permanent residents.

To correct this unfair inequality in our law, I am introducing the Amerasian Naturalization Act, along with bipartisan cosponsors, to ensure that Amerasians are accorded U.S. citizenship just like the offspring of other American fathers are.

I hope this Congress will act swiftly and pass the Amerasian Naturalization Act. It is time for us to finally close a chapter in our history that has too long denied Amerasians the opportunity to become citizens and be recognized as the Americans that they are.

TRIBUTE TO DR. ALEXANDER BAILEY

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2005

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Superintendent of Oak Park Public Schools, Dr. Alexander Bailey, who will retire June 30, 2005.

Dr. Alexander Bailey's career in education dates back to 1969 when he was a high-school teacher in Philadelphia, PA at Paul Washington High School. In subsequent years, Dr. Bailey continued his education, assumed building level responsibility as a principal, and ultimately was appointed Superintendent of Oak Park Public Schools in 1991.

Under his leadership, Oak Park Public Schools has successfully designed programs and intervention methods to meet the needs of their school population. Programs and interventions such as extended day, the Oak Park Academy, and the Literacy Academy have been critical to advancing the academic achievement of students throughout the District.

Dr. Bailey has been a very active participant in the community served by the School District. For example, Dr. Bailey was instrumental in developing the Oak Park Business Education Alliance. The Oak Park Business Education Alliance is a non-profit organization designed to build a relationship between the business community and the school district. To date, the Oak Park Business Education Alliance has provided countless volunteers for the district, over \$100,000 in scholarship monies to Oak Park students, and has provided many career development opportunities in collaboration with local businesses.

In his 36 years of service, he has been a truly committed and effective educator. Dr. Bailey dedicated his life to ensuring that stu-

dents receive a fair and equitable education. He is indeed an outstanding public servant. I have enjoyed the opportunity to work on issues of common interest with Dr. Bailey and have always appreciated his frank and forthcoming advice based on his active experiences in the school and community. One could always count on Dr. Bailey to clearly articulate the challenges faced by our school system as well as the real impact of public policy decisions.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Alexander Bailey on his years of service and in wishing him good health and happiness in the next phase of his life.

IN RECOGNITION OF ESSNER MANUFACTURING

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2005

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize Essner Manufacturing and its achievement of being registered as an AS 9100 Quality Management Standard (QMS)—a designation specific to aerospace component manufacturers. This project took nearly 200 hours to complete and was a complex undertaking.

Working alongside Texas Manufacturing Assistance Center (TMAC) to earn the registration, Essner is a model for other manufacturing centers. Their commitment to making quality products like precision sheet metal fabrications and machined parts is evident. I extend my congratulations to Dale R. Westerfeld, President of Essner and Dave Johnson, the TMAC Project Manager.

I am proud to represent a company that is so strongly committed to quality products and a positive work environment. I congratulate Essner Manufacturing and wish them continued success in their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF DR. STANLEY CAINE PRESIDENT OF ADRIAN COLLEGE

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2005

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the retirement of Dr. Stanley Caine, president of my alma mater, Adrian College. During his tenure at Adrian College, Dr. Caine has been, first and foremost, an advocate for his students. His open door policy has always provided an avenue for the students at Adrian College to seek his wisdom and advice. Outside of the classroom, Dr. Caine can be seen at many athletic and other campus events, a testament to his interest and dedication to the students at Adrian.

Providing a world class education requires the resources to recruit the finest faculty and provide the best facilities. During Dr. Caine's tenure, the Adrian College endowment has increased significantly and two major capital campaigns have been completed. Several new construction projects have provided students